

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Action mailed May 4, 2004. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 and 3 - 33 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has canceled claim 2 and has amended claims 1 and 14. Specifically, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter originally recited in claim 2. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 18 – 33 are allowed and that claims 2 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As set forth above, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the features/limitations previously recited in claim 2. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Additionally, Applicant has amended the dependency of claim 14 such that claim 14 now depends from claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 14 also is in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

The Office Action indicates that claims 1, 3 - 13 and 15 - 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over *Chung* in view of *Brown* and further in view of *Nishizawa*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

In particular, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the features/limitations previously recited in claim 2, the allowability of which is set forth in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Since claims 3 – 17 are dependent claims that incorporate all the features/limitations of claim 1, Applicant

respectfully asserts these claims also are in condition for allowance. Additionally, these claims recite other features/limitations and combinations thereof that may serve as an independent basis for patentability.

Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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